

Welcome to the Henshalls SCCL Newsletter

2017 End of Season Edition

Whitchurch CC Champions!

The 2017 season is now in the record books, many congratulations to Whitchurch CC who have won the Premier Division title. They have been duly accepted by the Birmingham and District Premier Cricket League and will immediately return to Division 3 next season, we wish them the very best of luck for 2018. The League also welcomes back the 1st and 2nd XIs of Sentinel CC who rejoin from the BDPCL.



2017 Henshalls SCCL Premier Division Champions – Whitchurch CC 1st XI

SCCL 2017 Awards

Connor Glendinning of Chelmarsh CC (Division 3) led the way with 1017 league runs, while Dan Bowen of Whitchurch CC 1st XI helped to take his side to the Premier Division title claiming 64 wickets.

In the Premier Division the Player of the Year and retaining his title was Ludlow 1st XI Captain and all-rounder Will Sparrow who scored 760 league runs and took 36 wickets, helping Ludlow to the runners-up spot in 2017.



2017 Henshalls SCCL Premier Division player of the year – Will Sparrow cover driving against Whitchurch as Wicket Keeper Connor Tinsley looks on

SCCL 2017 Awards Continued

Most runs : Connor Glendinning, Chelmarsh CC (1017 Runs)

Most Wickets : Dan Bowen, Whitchurch CC 1st XI (64 Wickets)

Wicketkeeper: Sam Cooke, Newtown CC 1st XI (30 Wickets)

Fielder: Matthew Batkin, Whitchurch CC 2nd XI (20 Wickets)

Young Player: Ismail Anwar, Albrighton CC 1st XI

Umpire of the Year: Gordon Smith

Lifetime Achievement: Brian Perry, Wem CC



Umpire of the year – Gordon Smith – officiating at Welshpool CC

SCCL Divisional Teams of the Year (Player of the year in **bold** text)

Premier Division

1. Ismail Anwar (Albrighton)
2. Tom Whitney (Worfield)
3. Chris Miller (St. Georges)
4. **Will Sparrow © (Ludlow)**
5. Marshall Bunting (St. Georges)
6. Scott Hale (Frankton)
7. Sam Cooke + (Newtown)
8. Dan Cohen (Wem)
9. John Anthony (Newtown)
10. Dan Bowen (Whitchurch)
11. Gareth Jones (Quatt)

Division 1

1. Travis Keys + (Bomere Heath)
2. Graham Trow (Cound)
3. Mike Crawshaw (Alberbury)
4. Tom Anderson (Welshpool)
5. Paul Chapman (Welshpool)
6. Jamie Martindale (Beacon)
7. Aaron Ruff-Cock (Montgomery)
8. Robert Anderson (Welshpool)
9. **Chris Stevens © (Bomere Heath)**
10. Andy Holloway (Alberbury)
11. Matt Sayers (Forton)

Division 2

1. Owen Morris © (Pontesbury)
2. Avi Mathur (Church Aston)
3. Jason Allen (Allscott Heath)
4. Gurjeet Saini (Church Aston)
5. Mark Lewis + (Pontesbury)
6. Mike Bellamore (Pontesbury)
7. Lindsey Rudd (Willey)
8. Bobby Gill (Church Aston)
9. **Jason Summers (Allscott Heath)**
10. Wayne Phillips (Allscott Heath)
11. Stephen Wilson (Pontesbury)

Division 3

1. **Connor Glendinning (Chelmarsh)**
2. Neil Bennett (Trysull & Seisdon)
3. Andy Unitt © (Chelmarsh)
4. Richard Bill (Much Wenlock)
5. Andy Green + (Calverhall)
6. Harry Fiaz (Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton)
7. Vipul Kolhapure (Harpers)
8. Tom Lea (Iscoyd & Fenns Bank)
9. Sam Best (Chelmarsh)
10. Craig Massey (Ludlow III)
11. Duncan Chaplin (Iscoyd & Fenns Bank)

SCCL Divisional Teams of the Year (Player of the year in **bold** text)

Division 4

1. Geoff Smith (Hinstock)
2. Gareth Rich (Coton Hall)
3. **Benjamin Taylor (Bridgnorth III)**
4. Matt Lawrenson (Overton on Dee)
5. Scott Lawrenson (Overton on Dee)
6. Sam Griffiths (Guilsfield)
7. Rob Lawrenson (Overton on Dee)
8. Sam Folwell + (Hinstock)
9. Dave Sullivan (Allscott Heath II)
10. Alex Thomas (Bridgnorth III)
11. Phil Clowsley © (Hinstock)

Division 1 – 2nd XI

1. **William Fox-Davies © (Worfield II)**
2. Matthew Conniffe (St Georges II)
3. Emrys Hughes (St Georges II)
4. Matthew Batkin (Whitchurch II)
5. Simon Aucott (Worfield II)
6. Jamie Birch (Knockin & Kinnerley II)
7. Naz Akhtar (St Georges II)
8. Will James (Frankton II)
9. Mark Ellis (Wem II)
10. Chloe Sanders + (Madeley II)
11. Jack Simpson (Worfield II)

Division 2 – 2nd XI

1. Sam Morris (Newtown II)
2. Thomas Corfield (Montgomery II)
3. Paul Gresty (Iscoyd & Fenns Bank II)
4. Simon Millington (Lilleshall II)
5. **Simon Topper © + (Wellington IV)**
6. Richard Gough (Shifnal IV)
7. Chris Bound (Newtown II)
8. Ian Slater (Willey II)
9. Keith Griffiths (Montgomery II)
10. Lee Boden (Broseley II)
11. Martin Ball (Willey II)

Division 3 – 2nd XI

1. Supul Fernando (Lilleshall IV)
2. Louis Irvine (Much Wenlock II)
3. Andy Johnson (St Georges IV)
4. Ian Alderson © (Corvedale II)
5. Mick Churm (Allscott III)
6. Rob Bagshaw (Lilleshall IV)
7. Rupert Redway (Welshpool II)
8. Mike Lewis (Ellesmere II)
9. Kevin Davy (Allscott III)
10. Lewis Tomkins + (Beacon III)
11. **Graeme Hughes (Acton Reynald II)**

SCCL Divisional Teams of the Year (Player of the year in **bold** text)

Sunday Division 1

1. **Dave Marvell © (Whitchurch III)**
2. Dan Gormley (Newport IIII)
3. James Barlow (Frankton III)
4. Russell Morris (Sentinel III)
5. Melvin Williams (Newport III)
6. Rhys Williams + (Knockin & Kinnerley III)
7. Rob Matravers (Cound III)
8. Ollie Harris (Frankton III)
9. Greg Stokes (Knockin & Kinnerley III)
10. Vaughan Wilcox (Worfield III)
11. Jason Whitley (Wellington V)

Sunday Division 2

1. **Dan Walker + (Pontesbury III)**
2. Charlie Rudge (Madeley III)
3. Sam Davies (Shrewsbury) IV
4. Matthew Wear (Shrewsbury IV)
5. Jason Churms (Pontesbury IIII)
6. Gary Anson (Madeley IV)
7. Andre Hendrick (Madeley IV)
8. Ian Hartley (Madeley III)
9. Jack Walmsley (Madeley IV)
10. Richard Chapman © (Shrewsbury IV)
11. Anthony Gray (Pontesbury III)



2017 SCCL Sunday Division 1 Champions – Worfield CC 3rd XI



New T20 KO Sponsor Announced

The League is delighted to announce that Aaron & Partners Solicitors have agreed to sponsor both the Junior and Senior Slam competitions. The company has offices in Shrewsbury, Chester and Manchester.

Richard Barge, a Partner and the Head of Family Law, and also a player with SCCL club Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton, said –

“I know first-hand how important the Shropshire County Cricket League and the two Slams are for promoting grass roots cricket and grass roots sport right across Shropshire. That’s why I am delighted that Aaron & Partners is able to throw its support behind these two fantastic competitions. It’s very important to us as a business to play an active role in supporting the local communities in which we work and this deal reaffirms our ongoing commitment to Shropshire.”

More details about the sponsorship and the format of next year’s T20KO competitions will be released in the new year.



Aaron & Partners
Solicitors

Senior Slam 2017

Wem CC won the Senior T20 Slam for the first time since 2012 with a thumping 80 run victory over Worfield at Finals Day, held at Quatt CC in late July. Batting first, Wem got off to a solid start with Harry Chandler (20) and Chris Peel (24) racing to 50 inside 5 overs but the innings then fell apart and Wem were in all sorts of trouble at 62-6 with both big-hitting Matt Cohen and Australian star Ned Absolom departing for ducks. However, a fine knock of 76 not out from Tom Astley, including 10 fours and a six, ably supported by a quick-fire 20 from Danny Cohen, helped the north Shropshire side recover to post a respectable 162-7 from their 20 over allocation, with Will Weir's return of 3-22 the pick of the Worfield bowling attack.

In reply, despite 30 from opening bat Tom Whitney, Worfield's reply never got going and they were dismissed for just 82 inside 15 overs. Absolom made up for his earlier failure with the bat by taking 5-21 in 3.2 overs with Danny Cohen also chipping in with a pair of wickets. Worfield 2nd team captain William Fox-Davies with 23 was the only other batsman to make more than 10. Tom Astley was deservedly awarded the Player of the Final award as chosen by the umpires.



2017 SCCL T20 Senior Slam Winners – Wem CC

Senior Slam Final Man of the Match Tom Astley receives his prize from SCCL Honorary Patron His Honour Robin Onions.

Senior Slam 2017 (continued)

Earlier in the day, Worfield won the first semi-final with a hard-fought 10 run win against Broseley. 26 from Whitney, 23 from Fox-Davies and 24 from Tom Pickerill saw them post what was considered a below-par 132-7 but Broseley came up just short in their reply, 3 wickets each from Ian Simmons and James Parker sealing the victory as Broseley could never quite keep up with the run-rate and fell away to 122-7 despite a battling 29 from Nadeem Ahmad. In the second game, 1st Division side Beacon, making their debut appearance at Finals Day, won the toss and chose to bat but had no answer to Premier Division Wem's bowling attack, being dismissed for just 67 in the 19th over. Yuri Pugh was the Shrewsbury side's top scorer with 21 while Jim Astley, Absolom and Evan Limerick all took 2 wickets apiece for Wem.

The League would like to thank all at Quatt CC for their superb hospitality on the day and also the umpires Malcolm Bird, Jon Ashton and Chris Field.



2017 SCCL T20 Senior Slam Runners Up – Worfield CC
2017 SCCL T20 Senior Slam Umpires receiving their trophies from Robin Onions

Junior Slam 2017

Allscott Heath won the 3rd edition of the Junior Slam, beating their Division Two title rivals, Pontesbury in a high-scoring and closely contested final at St. Georges CC.

The SCCL would like to thank umpires Bob Hesketh and Grahame Hurst and St. Georges CC for hosting the final.



Allscott Heath CC –SCCL Junior Slam Winners 2017 with Umpires Bob Hesketh and Grahame Hurst inset
Winning captain Carl Starling pictured above receiving the trophy from League Chairman, Gordon Smith



SCCL AGM and Presentation Night

The 2017 AGM & Presentation Night will be held at **St. Georges Cricket Club**, Church Street, St. Georges, Telford, TF2 9LU on **Monday 27th November, 7.30pm** start – all clubs are reminded that they **MUST** be represented as per League Rule 23.1. Also, clubs are advised that parking is limited so attendees are asked to arrive in plenty of time. All award winners are asked to arrive no later than 6.45pm for press photographs.

Car parking will be in the main car park with overflow parking at the scoreboard end of the ground which is accessed via the tarmac road between the clubhouse and the church. The club have asked that attendees do not park on the road adjacent to the clubhouse.

SCCL Small Grants Scheme Continues For 2018

The League still has some funds available in its Small Grants Scheme that it is looking to distribute to clubs.

Set up in association with the Shropshire Cricket Board, the scheme allows clubs to apply for grants up to a maximum of £500 to upgrade their facilities – in the last few years the scheme has provided funding for a range of improvements including clubhouse refurbishment, covers, rollers, sightscreens and nets.

All clubs whose 1st XI play in the SCCL are eligible to apply but priority will be given to clubs who have not previously received an SCCL grant. Please note that the League will not consider applications for funding for pitch improvements themselves (e.g. fertiliser, loam etc.) but would consider applications for help to fund new machinery. Contact Adam Phillips for more information 07876 773918 adamp@timberframe.co.uk

Neil Bennett

It is with great regret that the League is losing Neil Bennett as fixture secretary. Neil has stood down after 21 years in the job and his will be a hard act to follow. In order to deal with the complexities of the job, which includes multiple 'special requests' from clubs, Neil has spent hours, days and weeks each year in compiling the faultless data that all clubs take for granted.

His contribution towards the consistently smooth running of the league has been both immense and immeasurable. Our grateful thanks go to him, and we wish him well in the future.



2017 Henshalls SCCL Division 3 Champions - Ludlow CC 3rd XI



2018 Premier Division and Division 1

A record-breaking season by Bomere Heath, champions of Division One, has earned the club an instant promotion back to the Premier Division after relegation this time last year.

Bomere, tenth last season but relegated owing to two clubs returning from the Birmingham League, gained a record 451 points in the first division this season, won the section by 106 points, and were only the third side at this level to go through the season unbeaten. Their record points haul beat that of Worfield's 448 in 2010. Cound have also been promoted after finishing second, thus regaining the Premier place they lost two years ago. The two promoted clubs replace Market Drayton and Albrighton who will now play in Division One next season.

The other change in the Premier Division sees champions Whitchurch step up once again into the Birmingham League, taking the place they lost last year and replacing Sentinel who could not quite hold onto their place after winning the SCCL title last season.

Premier Division 2018: Sentinel, Ludlow, Worfield, Quatt, Wem, Broseley, Newtown, St Georges, Frankton, Madeley, Bomere Heath, Cound.

Pontesbury and Allscott have also been promoted at the first attempt – they both go back to Division One after suffering relegation last year. Pontesbury were the Division Two title winners after a season-long title battle with runners-up Allscott, who finished a massive 141 points clear of third place. Pontesbury's points haul (454) is also a record for the division, beating Knockin's total of 446 in 2013. Lilleshall and Montgomery, the two bottom sides in Division One, are the two sides that make way and will both play in Division Two next season.

Division One 2018: Market Drayton, Albrighton, Knockin & Kinnerley, Wroxeter Grove, Welshpool, Shelton, Beacon, Conover, Alberbury, Forton, Pontesbury, Allscott.

Promotions and relegations in all other divisions will be decided after the League AGM on November 27, the deadline for all clubs to submit their entries/applications for 2018.

SCCL Junior League Finals Day

Condover CC was the venue for Junior Finals Day this year on a very wet Sunday in early September – congratulations to Whitchurch who won both U11 & U13 finals, defeating the host team on both occasions. Unfortunately the U15 Final fell victim to the weather - hopefully the game will now be played next May before the start of the 2018 junior season.

2017 Yearbooks

The League still has a small stock of this season's Yearbook available at the bargain price of £3 each. Please contact Adam Phillips adamp@timberframe.co.uk if you would like a copy.



SCCL T20 Senior Slam Final – Worfield CC vs Wem CC played at Quatt CC



Deadline for Applications to League

The Shropshire County Cricket League committee is extending the deadline for new applications and withdrawals from the League from the usual date of 30th September until the AGM/Presentation Night date of Monday 27th November 2017.

After unprecedented levels of concessions and short-sided games this season, the League has taken the view that clubs may need more time to consider their options for 2018, and that the additional 8 weeks 'breathing space' will give clubs the ability to make considered and reasoned decisions as to how many sides they wish to enter in the League next season.

In order to achieve the best possible outcome on this issue, the League encourages all clubs to hold either their AGM or player meetings ahead of the League AGM at the end of November. Clubs will be expected to notify the League of their intended team entries at the AGM, attendance at which is now compulsory (see rule 23.1)

The League realises that the above will mean that fixtures will not be issued until January but has taken the view that this is a price worth paying in order to minimise forfeitures in 2018.

2018 Season Dates

The 2018 SCCL will commence on Saturday 21st April with the last game on Saturday 15th September – both of these dates are a week earlier than 2017.

SCCL Donation to Germany

The SCCL and the Deutscher Cricket Bund recently joined forces to supply surplus kit and equipment to clubs in Germany.

Cricket is the fastest growing sport in Germany, with participation rising from 1500 players in 2013 to over 6000 today, partly due to the success of youth and women's development but also due to the influx of refugees from Afghanistan and Pakistan. Clubs struggle to supply kit to equip all these new players, however.

Brian Mantle, General Manager of the DCB and a former player in the Shropshire League, takes up the story. 'We used to be just happy to play cricket whenever we could, but now we have realistic aims of replicating what has happened in Ireland over recent years, although not until all these new players qualify for the national team! As you can imagine, this is a challenge and an opportunity at the same time – we are very happy for any donation of old equipment to get these people playing.'

After an appeal in the pre-season newsletter clubs from across Shropshire & Mid-Wales, including Bridgnorth, Tibberton and Worfield to name but a few, came forward to donate surplus equipment at the Captain's Meeting. Brian came across to Shropshire from Germany in September to collect the equipment which will be put to good use next summer.

The SCCL and the DCB would like to thank all the clubs who donated kit and equipment - it really will make a difference



SCCL Vice-Chairman Adam Phillips (r) hands over the donated kit to DCB General Manager Brian Mantle

Future Newsletters

League newsletters are produced by the SCCL's IT, Social Media and Publicity Sub-Committee. If you have any news, information or photos that you wish to share with the League and member clubs, please send any information to;

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We hope you enjoy reading the newsletters and embrace the new website and social media outlets that have been developed, see <http://www.shropshirecricketleague.co.uk/> for more information.



Acton Reynald CC 2nd XI vs Allscott Heath CC 3rd XI 2017 (Division 3 – 2nd XI)